MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS COMMITTEE

July 21, 1999
MAG Office Building, Saguaro Room
302 North First Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Steve Hogan, Scottsdale, Chairman          * Ellis Perl, Surprise
Brian Latte, Chandler                      Jim Decker, Tempe
Gary Thomas, Gilbert                       Tim Wolfe, ADOT
Bruce Ward, Maricopa County                Jennifer Brown, FHWA
Alan Sanderson, Mesa                       David Cowley, AAA Arizona
Mike Frisbie, Phoenix                      Richard Traill, Phoenix Aviation
Scott Miller, RPTA                         Jim Book


* Not present or represented by proxy

OTHERS PRESENT

Jim Wortham, Phoenix Fire/MAG 911 Oversight Committee
Bob Ciotti, RPTA
Tom Fowler, Kimley-Horn & Associates
Don Dey, SAIC
Sharon Hansen, BRW, Inc.
Paul Ward, MAG
Sarath Joshua, MAG

1.    Call to Order

      The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairman Steve Hogan.

2.    Approval of June 16, 1999 Meeting Minutes

      Minutes of the June 16, 1999 meeting were approved with a correction to reflect that Brian Latte
      attended the meeting instead of Ty Hofflander as shown in the minutes.

3.    Call to Audience

      Chairman Hogan made a call to the audience providing an opportunity to members of the public to
      address the ITS Committee.  None in the audience spoke.



4.    Program Managers Report

Sarath Joshua provided a quick overview on the following items:

- ITS Integration Application to USDOT — Decision to be announced by Sept/Oct.
- National N11 Number — No response was sent from MAG to FCC docket
- Critical ITS Standards — Brief handout
- National ITS Deployment Strategy —
- Draft Policy Guidelines — MAG Management Committee adopted no changes
- MAG ITS Rating System — Testing on the rating system underway
- New TIP Project Submissions — Paul Ward announced that a new form is being developed to help process TIP project submissions.  The new form will not be a requirement. ITS project will require additional information for the rating system.

During the discussion on a response from MAG to FCC docket on N11, Jim Wortham of MAG 911 Coordinating Committee expressed concern over potential impact of N11 operations on emergency dispatching. Chairman Hogan suggested that this topic be included in the agenda for full discussion at a  future committee meeting.

5.      ITS Strategic Plan Update

Sarath Joshua provided a status report on the consultant selection process. He indicated that a team lead by Kimley-Horn & Associates have been recommended by the selection panel.  On July 14, 1999, MAG Management Committee has recommended approval of this selection. It now goes to the MAG Regional Council on July 28, 1999.  Over the duration of this project, ITS committee meetings will be held at 9:00 A.M. followed by project meetings at 10:00 A.M.

6.      AZTech Project Update

An update on the AZTech project was provided by Bruce Ward.  He indicated that Auto PC and handheld PCs are being evaluated.  Computran has been hired under a task order to develop access to AZTech data via internet to AZTech Phase 2 partners.  Six additional VMSs have been  purchased from American Sign. MCDOT has launched an ITS mainstreaming project. Several new ITS smart corridors have been identified.   An internet user group for traffic messaging to Auto PC and Casio Cassiopeia handheld computers has been established at: www.egroups.com/group/autopc_hpc/ Anyone can join the group by sending a blank email to: autopc_hpc-subscribe@egroups.com

Steve Hogan pointed out possible enhancements to regional traveler information. He referred to an email from Tim Wolfe on possible ties between freeway/arterial information and airport information. Dick Traill described his efforts at getting the AZTech kiosk installed at the airport and stated he would bring this up at the next executive meeting.

7.      Multi-jurisdictional Projects

Two projects that involve more than one MAG jurisdiction are programmed to be undertaken by Maricopa County in FY 2001. These projects involve the installation of equipment by contractors to be hired by the county and eventual transfer of the systems to the local jurisdictions.  A few key issues were discussed by committee members and resulted in the following conclusions:

- Maricopa county will be responsible for obtaining the required environmental and right-of-way clearances
- Funds required for the jurisdictional match will be provided by Maricopa County and not the affected jurisdictions.
- Maricopa county will coordinate closely with jurisdictions impacted by these projects

8.  User Requirements for Archived ITS Data Server

Tom Fowler of Kimley-Horn & Associates provided an overview of this Maricopa County project and solicited feedback from committee members.

9.  Status Report by Committee Members

Tim Wolfe reminded members on the upcoming ITS Arizona Annual Meeting on November 3rd. He also mentioned the Rural ITS Conference in Flagstaff on August 29-Sept.1, and ITS World Congress in Toronto. Sarath Joshua mentioned an upcoming workshop on incident management.

10. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held at 9:00 A.M. on August 18, 1999

11. Adjournment

Chairman Hogan adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.